

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please change the paragraph at page 17, lines 5-32, with the following:

Peptides particularly of interest for use in the present invention include laminin, which has the sequence

YIGSR

(SEQ ID NO: 7)

echistatin, which has the sequence

ECESGPCCRNCKFLKEGTICKRARGDDMDDYCNGKTCDCPRNPHKGPAT

(SEQ ID NO: 8)

RGD, NGR and derivatives thereof having the sequences

$RX_1ETX_2WX_3$

(SEQ ID NO: 9)

wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  are any amino acid;

$CX_1X_2RLDX_3X_4C$

(SEQ ID NO: 11)

wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are any amino acid;

~~CXXRGDC~~

~~(SEQ ID NO: 12)~~

$X_1X_2X_3RGDX_4X_5X_6$

(SEQ ID NO: 13)

wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ , and  $X_6$  are capable of forming a bridge (by disulfide bonds, peptide bonds or lactam bonds) and  $X_2$  and  $X_5$  are 1 to 5 amino acids;

$CX_2CRGDCX_5C$

(SEQ ID NO: 14)

wherein  $X_2$  and  $X_5$  are 1 to 5 amino acids;

$X_1X_2DDX_4X_5X_7X_8$

(SEQ ID NO: 15)

wherein  $X_1$  and  $X_8$  each is an independently selected amino acid,  $X_2$  and  $X_7$  together equal 0 to 4 amino acids, each amino acid of which is independently selected,  $X_4$  is selected from the group

consisting of glycine and leucine, and X<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and leucine;



(SEQ ID NO: 16)

wherein X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>8</sub> each is an independently selected amino acid, X<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>7</sub> together equal 0 to 3 amino acids, each amino acid of which is independently selected, X<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and proline, X<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of glycine and leucine, X<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and leucine, and X<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of leucine, tryptophan, and methionine.

The substituents X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>4</sub>, X<sub>5</sub>, X<sub>6</sub>, X<sub>7</sub>, and X<sub>8</sub> are as defined in International applications WO 95/14714, published June 1, 1995 and WO 97/08203, published March 6, 1997 (corresponding to U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,627,263 and 5,817,750, respectively), which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.